



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on June 10, 2015 at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Peter Geiger; Alan Burton; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; Jane Sexton; Ande Smith; Gwendolyn Viles and Noa Sreden

Excused: William Beardsley; Nichi Farnham and Martha Harris

Also present were: Acting Commissioner Thomas Desjardin; Angel Martinez Loreda, Higher Education Specialist; Suzan Beaudoin, Director of School Finance and Operations; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Peter Geiger called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by Chair, Peter Geiger: The Vision of the State Board is to prepare Maine public school graduates with the skills and knowledge needed to be college, career, citizenship and life ready.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Alan Burton, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the May 13, 2015 minutes as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Construction Committee (Peter Geiger):

The Construction Committee did not meet on May 29, 2015.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2015. The meeting will be held in room 541 of the Cross State Office Building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

Certification and Higher Education (Jane Sexton):

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on May 27, 2015, at the Department of Education in Augusta.

Present: Nichi Farnham, Chair; Jana Lapoint; Jane Sexton; and William Beardsley (SBE Members). Arthur Keenan, Certification Legal Consultant; and Angel Martinez Loreda, Higher Education Specialist (DOE Staff); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate.

Arthur updated the Committee on additional changes to Chapter 13 that will go before the full Board on June 10, 2015. The Certification Coordinator position has been filled and the

individual's start date is July 1, 2015. Malik McKinley from Essential Testing Services (ETS) will be attending the June 17, 2015 Committee meeting and presenting to the Committee on tests/cut scores.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2015. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

Career and Technical Education (Peter Geiger and Alan Burton):

The Career and Technical Education Committee (CTE) held a meeting on Friday, May 29, 2015, at the Department of Education in Augusta.

Present: Peter Geiger and Alan Burton (SBE Members)
Meg Harvey and Donna Tiner from the DOE.

Committee Report:

- Reauthorization of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is expected to move forward before Carl D. Perkins. Asked MDOE for recommendations on funding formula split (CTE's v/s CC's)
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Regulations: Maine Department of Education (MDOE) and Maine Department of Labor (MDOL) Commissioners agree that a Unified Plan is better for Maine. Combined Plans are being pushed by the Federal Department of Education (DOE)
- Cosmetology: The MDOE and the MDOL Commissioners agreed on a path forward to gain certification for students in CTE programs
- Intersection work continues with Math, ELA and CTE's
- Workshop scheduled with Mary Paine and CTE Directors of Performance Evaluation requirements
- The Legislative session had very little impact on CTE's

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2015. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RECEIPT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE (USM) SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT TEACHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION COUNCIL (TEAC) AUDIT REPORT

RECEIPT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CEHD) NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ACCREDITATION OF TEACHER EDUCATION (NCATE) ACCREDITATION ACTION REPORT

MOVED by Ande Smith, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW TEAM REPORT OF FINDINGS FOR THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT FORT KENT

BACKGROUND: At the May 13, 2015 meeting, the State Board of Education voted to receive the State Review Team's Report of Findings for the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

A State program approval visit to the University of Maine at Fort Kent was conducted March 22 through 25, 2015 for the purpose of reviewing the following professional educator preparation programs: The Educational Studies Program has five educator preparation programs that lead to certification. The five programs are as follows:

- Elementary Education,
- Secondary Education Social Studies,
- Secondary Education Life Science,
- Secondary Education English/Language Arts, Modern and Classical Language, and Computer Technology.

Initial review and approval of the degree program in

- Secondary Education Mathematics.

Following the on-site visit, the Review Team's Report of Findings was prepared which includes commendations, program recommendations, and a recommendation for State program approval status. Attached is a copy of the University of Maine at Fort Kent Self-Study Report as well as a copy of the Review Team's Report of Findings.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education grant State Program Approval to the University of Maine at Fort Kent's Educational Studies Program for five years to the Spring of 2020.

MOVED by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Ande Smith, and unanimously voted by those present to grant State Program Approval to the University of Maine at Fort Kent's Educational Studies Program for five years to the spring of 2020.

APPROVAL TO ADOPT PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER 13, QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS OF TEACHERS, EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Attachments:

1. Memo to the State Board of Education
2. The proposed final rule to be filed with the Secretary of State;
3. The proposed rule showing all changes to be made in the existing rule;
4. Basis Statement;
5. Comments;
6. Governor's Approval to Reopen Comment Period;
7. MAPA 4 Notice of Agency Adoption
8. MAPA 1 Rule-making Cover Sheet
9. Rule-making Fact Sheet

BACKGROUND: On October 14, 2014, the Board voted to proceed to rulemaking to amend Chapter 13. The amendments reflect the changes made to examination test codes and qualifying scores as a result of the regular periodic revisions made by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Publication of the proposed amendment occurred October 29, 2014, and the comment period expired December 1, 2014.

On January 14, 2015, the Board voted for additional revisions to Chapter 13 to correct the inequity in Section 3.10 which waived the PLT and Praxis I tests for only current credential holders. The tests are too basic for previous credential holders. The revised rule was again published on January 28, 2015. The deadline for comments expired on February 27, 2015. There was no public hearing during either comment period. However, upon final review it was determined that the revisions to Section 3.10 are inconsistent with current statutes and the amendments to Section 3.10 cannot be accepted.

RECOMMENDATION: The Certification and Higher Education Sub-Committee recommends that the Board move to reconsider its vote to adopt the proposed amendments to Chapter 13 on April 15, 2015.

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Alan Burton, and unanimously voted by those present for the Board to reconsider its vote to adopt the proposed amendments to Chapter 13 on April 15, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION: The Certification and Higher Education Sub-Committee recommends that the Board vote not to adopt the amendments to Chapter 13 as proposed at the April 15, 2015 meeting.

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Alan Burton, and unanimously voted by those present for the Board not to adopt the amendments to Chapter 13 as proposed at the April 15, 2015 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: The Certification and Higher Education Sub-Committee approve the amendments to Chapter 13 proposed on October 29, 2014 and reflected in the exhibit prepared for today's meeting, June 10, 2015.

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Alan Burton, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the amendments to Chapter 13 proposed on October 29, 2014 and reflected in the exhibit prepared for today's meeting, June 10, 2015.

STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION RE-APPONTMENTS

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and voted five in favor with one member abstained (Ande Smith) to approve Ande Smith, State Board of Education Member, to continue for a three year term on the Maine Charter School Commission.

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to approve John Bird to continue for a three year term on the Maine Charter School Commission.

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to approve Laurie Pendleton to continue for a three year term on the Maine Charter School Commission.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Peter Geiger

- On May 22, Tree Street Youth held its Branch graduation ceremony at Longley School. Twenty-six of their young people are going on to college. It is a remarkable accomplishment for students and their organization.
- On May 26, the Human Capital Management System (HCMS) subcommittee Educator Prep Support Group met. This is an effort to determine best practices in hiring and developing quality educators. Anita Bernhardt came down to talk about bringing attracting and retaining quality educators into more rural districts. Anita will attend the July State Board workshop session to explain more.
- The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee met on May 29.
- He and Martha met with Acting Commissioner Desjardin for agenda review on May 29. Alan Burton sat in on the meeting.
- The evening of May 29, he and Martha Harris attended the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Ceremony. Honorees were Secondary Math, Laura Stevens and Secondary Science, Lauree Gott.
- On May 30, he attended a Bowdoin College Distinguishes Service Award in Education honoring Lewiston High School Latin Teacher, Bernie Fortier.
- On June 2, he attended a retirement reception for David Silvernail after 38 years of being the research guru at USM and putting together stats that have helped decision makers for 3 decades. Jim Rier was one of the speakers and it was a wonderful opportunity to say good luck to someone I have known since my earliest days on the SBE.
- On June 3, he hosted a meeting of the Maine Teacher of the Year (MTOY) State Review panel. Alan Burton and he are members. The sixteen County TOYs are evaluated so eight move on to portfolio and oral presentations. Eventually, one will become the MTOY. The list now includes:

2015 Teacher of the Year Semi-finalists Announced

- Cumberland: Talya Edlund, Pond Cove Elementary School, Cape Elizabeth
 - Franklin: Brenda LaVerdiere, Academy Hill School, Wilton
 - Hancock: Mickie Flores, Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School, Deer Isle
 - Lincoln: Jennifer Wright Gregg, Great Salt Bay Community School, Damariscotta
 - Penobscot: Angela McLaughlin, Glenburn Elementary School, Glenburn
 - Piscataquis: Mia Morrison, Foxcroft Academy, Dover-Foxcroft
 - Washington: Ben Brigham, Shead High School, Eastport
 - York: Nick Wilson, Biddeford High School, Biddeford
- On June 5, he mentioned a Campaign for Grade Level Reading being held in Lewiston. There was a follow up session where the project leaders described the program as having three elements leading to reading.
 - School Readiness
 - Chronic Absence
 - Chronic Learning

This is being funded by the John T. Gorman Foundation and is part of a national effort involving 170 school districts. Peter has materials for anyone interested in learning more.

- On June 11, several Board members will attend Alyssa's graduation being held at the Cross Center in Portland. There will be a special section for the more rowdy members of the Board. The Board has been blessed with tremendous students and wish Alyssa success as she heads to UMO and beyond.
- The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Grant final report will be submitted on June 15, 2015.
- This being Peter's final meeting as Chair, he wanted to thank each Board member for their efforts on behalf of the Board during the past year. He wished Martha and Alan all the best as they assume leadership roles starting July 1st. Peter also paused to thank Mary Becker, Board Secretary, for the critically important role she has played during the past year. He and Mary spoke almost every day and her professionalism didn't allow him to miss important dates and events. Mary helps all board members and Peter thanked her and presented her with a small token of his appreciation.

ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICERS (Chair and Vice Chair for the year 2015-2016)

Presented by Jana Lapoint, Nominating Committee Chair: A slate of officers were submitted at the May 13, 2015 Board meeting. Martha Harris was nominated for election of Chair and Alan Burton was nominated for election of Vice Chair for the 2015-2016 Year.

Moved by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Heidi Sampson and unanimously voted by those present to elect Martha Harris as Chair and Alan Burton as Vice Chair for the term of one year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dick Durost, Executive Director, Maine Principals' Association (MPA), thanked Peter, Mary and any other Board members that have been involved in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Grant this year. The grant allowed the MPA to continue their mentoring program for principals and they appreciate all the work that has been done. Last week, Holly trained eight new mentors that are in their pool, going into next year.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the June 10, 2015 State Board of Education meeting at 1:48 PM.